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Soviet Troop Units and Military Installations in the Baltic MD.

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	Kaunas (54-53N, 23-52E)	To late June 1951.	Barracks installation consisting of four-storied stuccoed brick buildings.	About two km south-east of the main railroad station, in the large bow of the Neman River	Occupied by a tank unit, an infantry unit, and a construction unit. Fifteen to 20 tanks and numerous Studebaker trucks were seen standing in the barracks yard.		25X1
			Barracks installation consisting of several three-story brick buildings.	South of the Neman River in Panemune suburb.	Occupied by an infantry unit of unknown strength.		25X1
			Ordnance depot consisting of low wooden buildings and gun sheds, in an area sparsely grown over with trees.	Just east of the main railroad station.	<div></div> an undetermined number of machine guns and numerous artillery pieces of light and medium caliber were stored in the very large installation. Ten to 15 armored vehicles were seen standing in the open.		25X1

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To May
1951.

Barracks installation consisting of eight four-story buildings east of the road, 12 four-story buildings west of the road, and numerous sheds and garages, surrounded by a high board fence.

Southeastern suburb of Sanciai, astride the road leading southwest to Panemune.

A high-echelon headquarters, a tank unit, and an artillery unit were stationed in the installation. From eight to ten tanks were sometimes observed. Officers known included Colonel Ilitsov (phonetic spelling) (fnu) and Lieutenant Colonel Pokrovskiy (fnu). A rumor said that a division headquarters was located in Kaunas and subordinate to a corps headquarters in Riga (56-57N, 24-07E).

b. The unit was motorized and equipped with heavy tanks mounting muzzle brakes.

c. Every year, from early May until October, the unit moved to a summer camp near Gaizuniai, about 30 km northeast of Kaunas, where the troops were quartered in two large hutments in the woods.

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Each hutment consisted of wooden buildings, repair shops, and garages. The hutments were occupied exclusively by units from Kaunas, where only a guard battalion had remained. Soldiers observed wore tank and artillery insignia, and red-bordered black epaulets. One of the two generals stationed in Kaunas was repeatedly seen. The officers' dependents were also quartered in the same summer camp. From late October, the troops participated in maneuvers held in the Sovetsk (55-05N, 21-50E), Chernyakhovsk (54-38N, 21-50E) area.

Barracks installation.

Panemune suburb, south of the Neman River.

Occupied by a tank unit. Six to eight tanks were repeatedly observed.

Barracks on the Green Hill.

Northern sector of the city.

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Komendatura

Center of the city near the town hall, on the southwest end of Krasnyy Armeyskiy.

The building housed the komendatura, the military administration, the court-martial, and an MVD office.

Military installation consisting of 10 to 15 low wooden buildings.

Eastern sector of the city, opposite the gymnasium on the stadium grounds.

It was generally known that an infantry unit was quartered in the installation.

Barracks installation.

Eastern sector of the city north of the stadium.

Occupied by a tank unit.

Main Militia Office No. 3 occupying several buildings.

Center of the city on Gedimino Street, north of the cathedral on Stalin Square.

Deputy chief was Soviet Major Asev (fnu); Captain Khilishvius (phonetic spelling) (fnu) was section chief. The number of officials and employees was estimated to be about 400, including about 150 Soviet women. The office was superior to six other militia offices, which included about 200 Lithuanian police trainees, who said that they were to replace the Soviet employees.

Called GPU Office by the local residents.

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Pre-military
training.

Up to May 1951,
groups of 25 to 50
young Lithuanians,
who were 16 to 18
years old, armed
with carbines and led
by Soviet officers,
were seen almost daily
marching through Kaunas.
They were practicing
twice a week with
weapons furnished by the
militia offices.

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Rukiai To May
(55-11N, 1951.
21-48E)

Military quar-
ters in private
buildings.

Occupied by a unit of
about 80 soldiers who
wore blue-bordered red
epaulets and were armed
with rifles and sub-
machine guns. The unit
was referred to as an
alert unit. Other
Germans stated that
similar alert units were
stationed in all major
localities in Lithuania.

Silale To May
(55-28N, 1951.
22-07E)

Military quarters
in four low brick
buildings surround-
ed by a wire fence
and in another
solitary building.

Southwestern
sector of
Silale.

Occupied by an infantry
unit of about 300 soldiers
who wore red-bordered
epaulets and were armed
with rifles, submachine
guns, and light machine
guns. The unit was
equipped with about 15
personnel carriers and

Rumors said that
the unit was sub-
ordinate to a unit in
Klaypeda (55-48N,
21-08E), which was
commanded by a lieuten-
ant colonel.

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Garliava To May
(54-49N, 1951.
23-53E)

Military quarters
in all of the town's
public buildings and
in private buildings,
which were guarded by
sentries with watch
dogs and surrounded
by barbed-wire fences.

Garliava was occupied
by about 800 militia
troops who were allegedly
commanded by a
general who belonged
to a high-echelon
MVD headquarters.
Troops were repeatedly
observed leaving on
trucks. They used to
return after one or
two weeks.

Garliava was evacuated
by its civil population
and occupied by MVD
units in 1945.

Prienai To late
(54-38N, 1950.
23-57E)

Barracks installation
consisting of several brick
buildings, rebuilt
since 1948.

Southern sector
of Prienai.

Occupied by a unit
consisting of
soldiers who wore
red epaulets bordered
with a piping
of another color.
A vizor cap with a
red band was worn
after duty hours.
The unit was armed
with rifles.

To the
end of
1950.

Barracks installation.

Southern sector
of Prienai.

Occupied by a
militia unit.

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Barracks installation consisting of one four-story white painted brick building.

Northern perimeter of Prienai between the Neman River and the road to Kaunas.

Army unit of about 300 men, including unusually many officers, who wore different service colors. The officers, numbering about 50 or 60, belonged either to an officers' course or to the unit. No heavy weapons were observed.

• Draft and induction.

The Lithuanians of the 1928 and 1929 classes were serving in 1950. Members of the 1930 and 1931 classes in Prienai were drafted in spring 1951 and inducted afterwards.

Military quarters in a former school.

About 300 meters southwest of the railroad station.

Occupied by a unit of 150 to 200 soldiers commanded by a major who was also post commander. Arms observed included rifles, submachine guns, and machine guns. From 12 to 15 trucks were seen standing at the installation.

Recruiting office in a four-story brick building.

About 400 meters northwest of the railroad station.

The office, which consisted of about 30 officers and an equal number of NCOs and EM, was responsible for the registration, drafting, and induction of

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Vievis (Yevie) In spring
(54-46N, 1951,
24-48E)

Kruonis In spring
(54-45N, 1951,
24-12E)

Rumsiskis To April
(Rumziskis) 1951.
(54-51N,
24-13E)

MVD office.

Military office.

MVD office.

MVD office.

draftees of the rayon.
Chief was Soviet Captain
Shorokh (phonetic spelling)
(fmu).

Consisting of 10 to 12
Soviet officers and some
NCOs and EM, including
Lithuanians and Poles.

The office was referred
to as the MVD main office
and was staffed by about
50 men, including eight
officers. Its chief was
a major. The office was
equipped with some trucks
and jeeps.

The office was headed by
a captain and staffed by
about six officers and 20
NCOs and EM. It was sub-
ordinate to the MVD office
in Vievis and equipped with
small arms, three light
machine guns, three trucks,
and three jeeps.

The office numbered 40 to
50 men who were equipped
with small arms.

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Area east To May 1951.
of Kaunas

Inductions.

In spring 1951,
members of the 1930
classes were inducted
in the area east of
Kaunas.

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all Lithuanian
drafttees had to serve
with Soviet units in
the interior of the
USSR.

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Sirvintai To May 1951.
(Zirvintus)
(55-03N,
24-57E)

Military quarters
in three larger
civilian buildings
with garages, sur-
rounded by a wire
fence two meters
high.

Southeastern
sector of Sir-
vintai.

MVD headquarters of
about ten officers and
100 men; called an MVD
battalion by the local
residents. Major
Bandelov (fnu) was the
commanding officer, and
Major Boshkov (phonetic
spelling) (fnu) was de-
puty commander. The
headquarters was superior
to six or seven other MVD
offices. Two sedans and
six personnel carriers
used in anti-partisan
commitments were parked
in the garages.

Ukmerge To May 1951.
(55-15N,
24-47E)

Barracks install-
ation of several
multi-story red
brick buildings,
surrounded by a
board fence. A
three-story bare
brickwork was
observed in the
refueling area.

Western peri-
meter of the
city, north of
the road to Del-
tuva, six km west
of Ukmerge.

Occupied by a motorized
unit of several hundred
soldiers who wore blue-
bordered red epaulets
and collar patches.
They were only equipped
with small arms.

Local residents
referred to the
troops as Stalin
soldiers who con-
stituted an elite
similar to the
German SS.

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Panevezys To May 1951.
(55-43N,
24-23E)

To March
1951.

Kelme To May 1951.
(55-37N,
22-55E)

Military quarters
in three multi-
-story brick build-
ings; a large drill
ground.

Southwestern sector
of the city, astride
a street branching
off Klaypeda Gate.

The unit was
repeatedly seen
leaving the install-
ation with eight to
ten trucks which
carried 20 soldiers
each.

Occupied by soldiers who
wore red-bordered green
epaulets. The ranking
officer observed in the
city was a general. Only
rifles and submachine
guns were seen with the
unit, which was equipped
with numerous motor ve-
hicles. A motor vehicle
repair shop, guarded by
a sentry with red-bordered
green epaulets, was near
the installation.

Ammunition dump,
about 500 meters
long, surrounded
by a wire fence.

Wooded area about
four km east of the
city and one km
east of the air-
field, just south
of the narrow-
-gauge railway to
Utena (55-28N,
25-35E).

Numerous piles of ammunition
boxes of about 100x60x40 cm
and artillery ammunition car-
tridge cases were observed in
the open between the trees.

Military quarters.

Near the Catholic
church.

Occupied by a unit of
about 100 soldiers who
wore red epaulets and
were armed with machine
guns and rifles.

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Draft and induction.

In March 1951, members of the 1930, 1931, and 1932 classes were drafted and inducted some days later. According to persistent rumors among the population, Lithuanian soldiers inducted in 1950 had written from Korea.

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Vilnius To May 1951.
(54-40N,
25-17E)

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To May 1951.

Daugavpils To May 1951.
(55-54N,
26-33E).

Barracks installation and military quarters in an opposite school building.

Eastern sector of the city, about one km northeast of the castle on Hc-lendernia (Oland Street).

Ordnance depot of low brick buildings in an area about 200 meters square, surrounded by a barbed-wire fence with watch towers.

Eastern perimeter of the city, south-east of the main railroad station.

15th Lithuanian Div was stationed in Vilnius until May 1951. Lithuanians had to serve their term with units in the interior of the USSR, among others with the 17th Lithuanian Div in Gorkiy (56-15N, 34-18E).

Up to nine heavy tanks repeatedly left the installation. Numerous trucks and several artillery pieces were observed in the billeting area.

An undetermined number of canvas-covered artillery pieces, apparently all of the same type, were lined up in the open.

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